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WHILE EMBASSY AND USIS WILL ORGANIZE NUMEROUS CULTURAL PROGRAMS, EXHIBITS, SEMINARS, LECTURERS, ETC. IN SUPPORT OF BICENTENNIAL, FOLLOWING ARE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS PLANNED:

1. TRADITIONAL NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN EVENING THIS YEAR, EXPANDED IN SIZE, AND FOLLOWING USUAL TOAST BY AMBASSADOR AND REPRESENTATIVE MALAYSIAN CABINET MINISTER, A SHORT LIVELY PRODUCTION OF AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC AND DANCING IN HONOR OF BICENTENNIAL WILL BE PRESENTED. GUEST LIST LIMITED TO RANKING MALAYSIAN, DIPLOMATIC AND AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS, BUT ANY PROMINENT AMERICANS VISITING COULD BE INCLUDED. TENTATIVELY EVENING JULY 5.

2. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS USUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY "PICNIC", TENTATIVELY JULY 3, WHICH INCLUDES GAMES, THEATRICALS, LOTTERIES, MUSIC, BEER, HOT DOGS, ETC. ON SALE. FOR ALL MEMBERS OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY, YOUNG AND OLD; ANY VISITING AMERICANS WOULD BE WELCOMED. INFORMATION AVAILABLE BY CALLING EMBASSY.

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3. USIS IS SUPPORTING MALAYSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

IN PRESENTING PRESTIGIOUS BICENTENNIAL DINNER, AT WHICH TUN MOHD. SUFFIAN, LORD PRESIDENT OF MALAYSIAN JUDICIARY WILL DELIVER BICENTENNIAL ADDRESS, "A MALAYSIAN'S VIEW AMERICA AT 200", INTRODUCED BY AMBASSADOR. (SUFFIAN IS CURRENTLY LECTURING AND ATTENDING BICENTENNIAL CONFERENCES IN UNITED STATES) EARLY JULY. DINNER PRIMARILY FOR SOCIETY MEMBERS AND EMINENT MALAYSIANS TO BE INVITED AS GUESTS; HOWEVER, ANY VISITING AMERICANS INTERESTED COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IF PAY PRICE OF DINNER, PROBABLY M\$15. CALL USIS FOR DETAILS.

4. USIS WITH MALAYSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY WILL PRESENT A FULL LIVE PRODUCTION OF MUSICAL PLAY "1776" IN THEATER OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, TENTATIVELY MAY 21, 22 AND 28, 29. ALL AMERICANS WELCOME FOR PRICE OF ADMISSION, STILL TO BE SET.

5. "PHOTO ESSAY ON AMERICA", EXTENSIVE EXHIBIT OF ILLUMINATED COLOR TRANSPARENCIES BY PHOTOGRAPHER FRED MAROON, WILL BE ON DISPLAY, TENTATIVELY NATIONAL GALLERY AND LATER ONE OF SHOPPING CENTERS, DURING JULY. ALL AMERICANS WELCOME. PLANS FOR OPENING CEREMONY NOT YET DEVELOPED.

6. LINCOLN CULTURAL CENTER WILL CONDUCT FESTIVAL OF CLASSIC AMERICAN FILMS STARTING IN APRIL THROUGHOUT BICENTENNIAL YEAR; FILMS REPRESENTING VARIOUS EPISODES AND PERSONALITIES OF AMERICAN HISTORY. DETAILS BY CALLING LCC. FOR INVITED GUESTS, BUT VISITING AMERICANS COULD PROBABLY BE ACCOMMODATED.

7. SYMPOSIUM ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH ASIA AS AMERICA ENTERS ITS 3RD CENTURY WILL BE HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF MALAY WITH AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENTIST ROBERT SCALAPINO, LUCIAN PYE, AND STANLEY SPECTOR, ALONG WITH MALAYSIAN COUNTERPARTS, OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS, LATE JUNE, EARLY JULY. VISITING AMERICANS WELCOMED; CALL USIS FOR DETAILS.

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